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TO USNMR SHAPE BE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 248556

EXDIS MILITARY PLEASE HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN, USNATO FROM  
BRUSSELS OCT 14:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 14142

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DEPT PASS SECDEF WASHDC, USNMR SHAPE BE, USCINCEUR  
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MILITARY ADDRESSEES TREAT AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO, MARR, PFOR, BE, GW, US

SUBJECT: SHAPE/EUCOM COLLOCATION

REF: USNATO 9859

1. WE AGREE FULLY WITH USNATO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REFTEL  
THAT A CONTINGENCY PRESS LINE IS REQUIRED SHOULD THERE BE  
A PRESS LEAK ON THE SHAPE/EUCOM COLLOCATION DISCUSSIONS  
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AND THAT WASHINGTON IS BEST PLACED TO PREPARE IT.

2. WE CONSIDER A LEAK TO THE PRESS IN BELGIUM ALMOST  
INEVITABLE GIVEN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS HERE WHO HAVE SOME  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISSUE. THIS KNOWLEDGE IN BELGIUM EXTENDS  
WELL BEYOND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INCLUDES NUMEROUS  
PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND PRIVATE

CITIZENS IN THE BRUSSELS AND MONS AREAS. IT IS THEREFORE  
LIKELY TO BE ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE LOCAL MEDIA  
PICK UP AND RUN THE STORY.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT ANY CONTINGENCY PRESS LINE BE LIMITED  
TO THE STATEMENT IN PARA 3 REFTEL AND NOT RPT NOT DRAW ON  
TALKING POINTS MADE IN PARA 2 OF STATE 234840 AS SUGGESTED  
IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL.

4. THE TALKING POINTS IN PARA 2 OF STATE 234840 WERE  
DESIGNED FOR AND USED WITH THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. TO USE  
THE SAME POINTS OR A SIMILAR VERSION OF THEM WITH THE LOCAL  
MEDIA WOULD PROBABLY GIVE THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT THE  
IMPRESSION, HOWEVER FALSE, THAT WE HAD GONE PUBLIC IN AN  
ATTEMPT TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE GOVERNMENT.  
MOREOVER, THE ARGUMENTATION SET FORTH IN THE TALKING POINTS  
WOULD, FOR THE LAYMAN, EVOKE MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT WOULD  
ANSWER AND MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS WOULD BE UNANSWERABLE  
FOR SECURITY REASONS. OLSEN UNQUOTE VANCE

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